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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 02-040

TO: Superintendents, Business Managers, Administrators, Head teachers
FROM: Marcie Celaya, Director of School Finance
DATE: March 5, 2002
SUBJECT: Classroom Site Fund Allocation

The sixth Classroom Site Fund payment has been calculated and will be distributed by March 8, 2002. The report detailing the counts and weights used to determine allocation of the classroom site fund is available at <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts>

All monies received for the Classroom Site Fund have been distributed based on each district or charter's *weighted attending student count*. The amount collected in tax revenues and forwarded to ADE, for distribution, is insufficient to cover the scheduled amount due for the sixth payment (6/12th of \$272.42 per weighted attending student count). As a result, each district and charters allocation has been reduced proportionately.

The 6th payment is listed on the report with a Collection Month of November and a distribution date of 3/4/02. The following are questions and answers from the updated FAQ, which is posted on the School Finance bulletin board <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/BulletinBoard/default.asp>.

How much Classroom Site Fund monies will we receive?

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has projected what they believe will be available for distribution in the Classroom Site Fund. This is only an estimate. Based on the most recent information available, JLBC has estimated that actual revenues will support a per weighted student count amount of \$240.06. Currently JLBC is estimating the amount for FY 2003 to be \$244.70. The JLBC has until March 30, 2002 to adopt this amount "officially".

Do we have to revise our budgets?

As JLBC has not officially revised the per weighted student count value for FY 2001-02, budget revision is not required, at this time, for this budget item.

How can we expend the full amount, based on \$272.42, if it is estimated that we will receive on \$240.06?

As Title 15 currently reads, you cannot expend more than you receive. This is, in part, due to the lack of provisions allowing for registering warrants on the Classroom Site Fund. Introduced language in the current session of the Arizona Legislature would allow for registering warrants and covering the warrants with funds received in FY 2003, but only if passed and signed into law.